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ENCROACHMENT OF FIRING RANGE OF IAF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an important firing range of the Indian Air Force in the North East has been virtually taken over by encroachers as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated April 8, 2007;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to free the firing range from the encroachers?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a)&(b): Out of a total area of 4150 acres of Dullong Mukh Range under the control of Air Force Station, Tezpur, approximately 60 acres has been encroached upon, mainly by the natives of Arunachal Pradesh.

(c) Efforts are always underway to remove such encroachments in consultation with the State Governments.